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This Messenger Dedicated To Sports & Camping

Berkeley Stake MIA Signally Honored In S. L. Tabernacle at June Conference

Berkeley Stake was signally honored at the June MIA Conference in Salt Lake City, Friday afternoon, June 10, to present special features on a prepared platform in the famed Salt Lake Tabernacle before an audience that packed that huge structure. The feature was entitled: "Rating Superior-Outstanding Events in MIA 1954-55".

Berkeley Stake presented three dramatizations out of a total of 23 incidents of success in the year's MIA program. Considering that there are 216 stakes in the Church that record of Berkeley Stake may be considered outstanding.

In one dramatization Superintendent Kirke M. Decker and President Alma Dean Feller stirred punch contrasting the efforts of a skeletal organization "to supervise the dance floor and stir punch in the kitchen at the same time with the efforts of a complete organization functioning smoothly with delegated authority."

In a second dramatization before this MIA session in the Tabernacle, June 10, came an illustration of the "Saturday Night Dance in Action." Six young people, Thomas Hopkins, Andrea Everett, Winn Layton, Lucy Christiansen, Jeanne Clovis and Dorothy Coltrin were greeted by their junior gleaner leader Faye Lloyd as they moved onto the platform and danced gracefully and informally to the rhythm of "Begin the Beguine".

The Climax

Perhaps the climax in the way of recognition of Berkeley Stake's accomplishments for the MIA current year, was the crowning with a green wreath of Mildred B. Olson, activity counselor for the Berkeley Stake YWMIA. Sister Olson, familiarly known as 'Mickey", was designated the outstanding officer of the MIA in the entire Church for the past year. President Bertha Reeder of the General YWMIA personally placed the green wreath upon sister Olson's head and gave her an affectionate embrace.

Dating from June 10, 1955, the Mutuals of Berkeley stake have thus become part of the great parade of Mormon history that has been enacted in the great Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

BETTY JONES
Berkeley stake camp director

Spiritualized Outing Give Girls Big Lift

By Betty Jones

The two main objectives of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association are: (1) to develop and instill testimonies in the hearts of the young girls and (2) to provide spiritualized recreation to fit their needs.

The sports and camping programs are exceptionally good means whereby these two objectives may be realized. All activities of the young girls in either of these programs must always be planned with these objectives in mind. For instance, all activities must open and close with prayer. The leaders must be living the gospel and thus be able to inspire the girls to do likewise.

Properly conducted and supervised sports can be an excellent form of recreation activity. When a sports program provides wholesome leisure-time activities, spiritualized according to our Church standards, then the young people grow spiritually, physically, mentally, morally and socially.

However, few girls have sufficient spiritualized camping experiences and the MIA must provide these for them according to their needs and desires and in harmony with Church standards.

Please, No Sports or Camping On Sunday Says Church Leader

By Rhea Gustaveson,
Div. 12 Sports-Camp Director

Writing from notes taken at the Sports-camping department June Conference, Mrs. Rhea Gustaveson, northern California (Div. 12) supervisor of sports-camping of the Y.W.M.I.A. says:

"There is to be no more Sunday outings or camping on Sunday. Groups will go to camp on Monday and return on Saturday." This remark came from Bishop Buehner, Presiding Bishop's counselor. He also said there is available in the Presiding Bishopric's office $500 for each stake to be used for outdoor facilities such as a barbecue, patio.

Bishop Buehner is also quoted as saying that partaking of the Sacrament is not valid in any place except a branch or ward of the Church. And he stressed that we must teach our young people to keep the Sabbath day holy.

The Presiding Bishop's office urges that every recreational hall in the Church be used for the sports program. If it is not equipped for such use it should be made ready.

Dale Roe Demonstrates

Dale Roe of the Y.M. Oakland Stake Board and director of safety education and swimming for the Oakland Red Cross, participated and conducted demonstrations at the June 1955 M.I.A. conference in Salt Lake City at the aquatic

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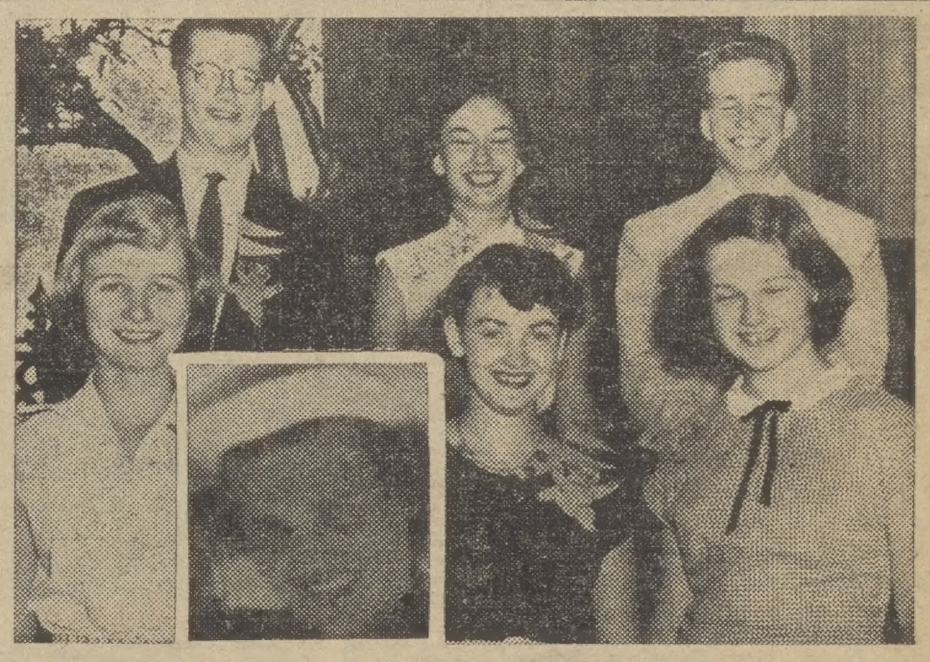

These six young people with their leader Faye Lloyd demonstrated dancing as an MIA activity before the Mutual Cofnerence in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, June 10. left to right: Thomas Hopkins, Andrea Everett, Winn Layton, Lucy Christiansen, Jeanne Clovis and Dorothy Coltrin. Box picture: leader Faye Lloyd. Tom, Winn, Jeanne and Dorothy live in Berkeley Second Ward, and Andrea and Lucy in Walnut Creek Ward. This is the first time Berkeley Stake has had representation from its young people at June conference. (Note hand-made cork and felt California Bear badges the young persons wear. Each stake creates an original and interesting design of identification badge for members who attend June Conference.)

October Messenger To Feature Local LDS Church Music

The October 1955 issue of the Messenger will be dedicated to LDS Church Music in our four stakes, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley. Needed are:

(1) Photographs of ward choirs, including choristers, organists and choir officers. These photographs will need to be near professional, at least. We will share cost of photographs if volunteer is not possible. Limit cost of each photo to three dollars. Be sure and have names of individuals written down left to right, before the picture is taken, or before you send photo to us. Photos without names are not usable.

(2) Brief history of the choir, its past, present and future plans. Also if you wish, an appeal for choir members. Tell time of rehearsals and any social functions.

(3) A group photograph for each ward of auxiliary choristers and organists taken together. Brief stories may accompany these pictures.

(4) Stories of individual LDS musicians who often help on programs.

(5) Stake choirs and singing mothers groups will be better photographed at time of their appearance on programs. The Messenger will try to find space to print these pictures as the occasions present themselves.

Division 12 Volleyball Champs

Palo Alto Stake and Division 12 Volleyball champs. Back row, left to right, Joy Sevy, Bill Hull. front row, Bill Davis, Wendell West, Bill Haycock, Walt Gomez.

Junior Softball Team, Walnut Creek

Junior Softball Team, Walnut Creek. Front row, left to right: Victor Finnell, Ronald Everett, Donald Lee, Stuart Clark. Back row, Kenneth Everett, Mgr., Gordon Mauss, Paul Clark, Wayne Finnell, Gene Jensen. Not pictured, Dave Christensen, Roger Rasmussen, Ronald Green and Fred Mathers.

. . . Norene McClellan

Hayward Girl Wins $300 Scholarship

Norene McClellan, 17, a Hayward High School student, received a $300 scholarship from The American Association of University Women, Hayward Branch.

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Top Pilot's Teacher See Testimony Grow

By Lois R. Cook

The lesson was on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and I tried to impress them with the reality of the resurrection, by emphasizing the many appearances of Jesus to various people as a resurrected being. The children had sat fascinated throughout the lesson, and suddenly just before the last bell, their hands began to shoot up, six and seven at a time. The idea of a personal resurrection and what it would mean to them, had struck a spark in the minds of all twelve, including two non-Mormon children. They all had specific, intelligent questions to ask, and I could hardly answer them fast enough. For ten minutes after the bell had rung they poured out their questions, and the answers would open up another avenue of thought, and another question until we had covered, briefly, in short simple words, the entire plan of the Gospel, from the pre-existence to the Three Degrees of Glory.

It was as though someone else were standing there answering the questions. I had no time to think of the answers, the words were just there. The truly wonderful thing about it was this: I saw the eyes of their understanding opened for twelve little children, and for those few minutes, they actually comprehended the Plan of Salvation from beginning to end, and their particular place in that plan, and I knew that they understood it, I saw the illumination on their faces, that looked as though a veil had been removed, and they were looking into the windows of heaven. I don't suppose they remembered most of it for more than half an hour, but they will learn it again, in more detail, and little by little it will stay with them.

To have been present when such a thing happened; to have witnessed the illumination of the minds of those children is a privilege I shall never forget.

Castro Valley.

Castro Valley Starts Marching to Goal 'New Chapel in '56'

By Nellemae Tanner

On the red-letter day, June 3rd, for our all-important building fund meeting, our bishopric and building committee heads counsiled and planned with the members of the ward. Objective: **all marching forward toward our goal of a new Chapel of our own by the close of '56.** The building site at Seven Hills and Almond Road is a choice location.

Let each one show a willingness to co-operate by standing behind our ward leaders with all the spiritual and financial support we can muster. Let's keep saying: The structure will be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1956.

The Relief Society's closing social, in charge of Doris Smemoe and Mary Jane Root, was an outstanding success. **Don't forget, Sisters: regular work meeting will be held the second Wednesday of each month until October.**

Sister Elva Gillette has been released from the Sunday School and sustained a stake missionary. New Sunday school workers include Mary Fowler, Gloria Josslyn and Lois Cook. A Sunday School faculty family picnic was held at Redwood Canyon June 29th.

Our Ward choir, very ably directed by Brother Melvin Orgill held a closing social and potluck dinner, May 19 for 32 choir members and partners.

Our M.I.A. has a well organized summer program. The Bee Hive group are proud to have been represented at Swarm Night with seven honor bees and two one-hundred-per-centers. Ruth Thomas and Lilian Lotz are to be commended for their faithful efforts. A lovely quilt made by the Bee Hive girls, will be presented to Sister Thomas.

A variety show, from the Fireside group exclusively, was presented June 24 to aid the building fund. Many thanks.

Frank and Esther Rowe, M.I.A. dance directors, again remind all to attend and enjoy square and folk dancing each second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8 P.M. at the Hayward Ward Recreation hall. Beginners will be given special help.

Families in the ward currently visiting in Utah include the Thoresens, the Maxwells, and the Tanners.

Off for Arizona vacations in June are the Merwyn Nobles and Bishop Christensen and family who will attend a family reunion in July.

A baby shower for La Ree Orgill was held recently at the home of La Dean Christensen, with Cloma Maxwell as co-hostess.

Members of the M.I.A. faculty recently surprised The Randall Sundbergs at their own home with a stork shower for the new son and heir.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS—

Brother James Wright of the Oakland Third ward, who has been ill since August wishes to express, through the Messenger, his thanks and appreciation for the many friends who have helped so much through the many months of illness. He thanks all for their many kindnesses, including especially the members of the Stake Presidency who have visited him, and the Primary ladies who have been reading to him.

Genealogy Leaders

Leading at the two-stake genealogical convention, Sunday, June 18, in Oakland, were three shown above, Luke M. Robinson, Oakland Stake chairman, William Waddups, genealogical speaker from Salt Lake City, and Dr. C. Ronald Smith Berkeley Stake chairman.

Californians Among Sweet June Graduates B. Y. University

Among the thousand or so June graduates at the great Brigham Young University are several from the Bay Area:

From Alameda, Jerry B. Crandall; from Concord Kay Creer; from Lafayette Robert Gordon Larsen; from Palo Alto, Grace Joan Kartchner; from San Mateo, Richard Kelsey Bevan.

Names are listed among the "Y" graduates also from Pacific Grove, San Jose, Sacramento, Placerville, and many from Southern Califor-

Oakland Stake

Oak. Senior Softball Great 1955 Success Accomplishes Aim

This Priesthood activity is meeting with excellent response in Oakland Stake fielding teams. The Oakland Stake with ten wards fielding teams.

In addition, to the fun and good fellowship enjoyed by the participants and their supporters this sports activity is accomplishing the purpose for which it was intended, namely, that of bringing inactive members out and performing good missionary work with non-members.

As pointed out by the General Authorities, this recreational program has a manifold purpose and it is ardently hoped that all of our members will lend their support to it. In this way good will be realized by everyone.

Unfortunately we were short of time and unable to obtain a picture of the Oakland Ward team, leaders of the Western League and express our regrets to them.

San Leandro

San Leandro Plans Summer Activities For Youth, Adults

As the next three months are set aside for sports the San Leandro Ward is planning great things to keep its boys and girls busy and happy.

Each class have their individual activities as well as the "Ward Nights."

We are planning on sending more girls to camp this year than we did last, as we feel this is a great experience for the girls.

The Bee Hive and Mia Maid girls of San Leandro Ward are selling refreshments at the baseball games to help earn money for camp.

Hayward Rest Home Enjoys High Rating

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Messenger Slogan

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San Leandro's New Ward Bishopric

San Leandro Ward, Oakland Stake saw installed May 29, 1955 its new bishopric. Shown above are left to right (seated) Myron S. Christensen, first counselor; Bishop Marcel F. Lauper, and Vao L. Cheney, second counselor. Standing, left to right. Glen L. Elliott, clerk; Robert H. Glissmeyer, finance clerk; (not shown Fred Berger, asst. clerk).

Alameda Senior Softball Team—Left to Right, front, Morris, Boswell, Noble, Frazien; Back, Clayson Hunt, Fonalmohna, Gartin, and Fullen.

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Oakland Stake

Genealogists Meet in 2-Stake Convention

By Mildred Fontano

Genealogical Convention. The genealogical societies of the Berkeley and Oakland Stakes met in Oakland chapel June 19 to receive instructions from William Waddups from Salt Lake City. Presidents W. Glen Harmon and Delbert F. Wright were in attendance President Wright and Dr. Emery Ranker were speakers.

J. Newel Christensen, the new stake president of the Y.M.M.I.A. was accompanied to June MIA conference by his counsellor, Adrian Shipper, and by Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Shipper.

Reports of two very successful genealogical classes taught by sister Agusta Schier of San Francisco held in each stake was reported. Nearly three hundred received certificates of genealogical accomplishments.

Brother George Pinkney is improved after a serious illness. James Wright of Oakland 3rd is not so well. Preston Jackson is better and home after an operation. Girard Schuler is returned from the hospital and improved.

The Albert Fitzpatricks

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rainey vacationed at Vancouver. Martha and Albert Fitzpatrick formerly of Oakland stake and now residing in St. George, Utah, are visiting in the bay area. Carol Durnham spent two weeks in Utah. Pearl Meinie of the Stake Relief Society is visiting relatives in Utah. Brother and Sister Leo Crandell just completed a month visiting Quebec, Boston, the Joseph Smith Monument, the Kirtland Temple, and back by the BYU at Provo for the graduation of their son Jerry, and Jerry announced his engagement to Carl Groshell of Seattle, Washington.

Philip Humphreys graduated from the University of Maryland at Baltimore exactly four years from the date of his marriage and has accepted an appointment by the U.S. Government on the Washeka Indian Reservation.

Tommy Winkel and Kendall Clayson are shooting the rapids of the big Colorado River again. The first trip was thrilling and called for a second. They accompany and assist the Sierra Club members.

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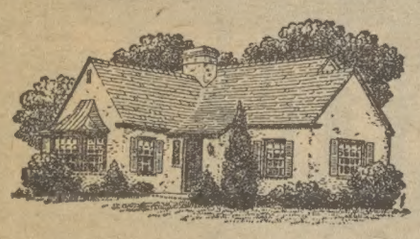

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San Leandro

New Bishop Lauper, Counselors Thank Many Ward Workers

By Lorna Beach

"At a time when help is needed and appreciated the most, the members of the San Leandro Ward have come through in strong spirit. Your new bishopric is grateful for your kind expressions of encouragement. We are especially aprreciative of your good works and willingness to serve the Lord. We have all felt the loss of Bishop Webster's able leadership, yet no one has failed to respond promptly to new calls. The divinity of this work persists, regardless, of the brethren and sisters whom the Lord's servants are inspired to call to direct the work.

We are especially grateful for the faithful work of the Relief Society block teachers and the ward teachers. We trust that their efforts will continue so that they may, in very deed, "watch over the Saints" and look after their welfare, inviting them to manifest their spiritual attitude through attendance at Sacrament meetings."

—San Leandro Ward Bishopric

Congraulations to our new bishop, Marcel F. Lauper and his counselors, Myron S. Christensen and Vao L. Cheney. Our ward will continue to grow and develop under the leadership of these fine men and everyone will support them.

The Relief Society meets the second Tuesday of each month during the summer. We are asked to save rummage for the sale to be held August 12 and 13.

Clarke B. Murphy is our newly sustained Sunday School superintendent with Louis F. Scofield and Faatamala Tuia, assistants.

Howard Marsh, son of Katherine Marsh, has received a law degree from Harvard University. He has accepted a position in and moved to Dallas, Texas.

Fred and Bertha Bergere with their son, Johnny, enjoyed a vacation in Utah and Idaho, as did Max and Adele Harker.

We are proud of Phyllis Brennan's, who won first place in the American Legion essay contest, for the elementary schools.

It is another boy for Herbert and Mary Marsh! Congratulations on the blessed event.

Rayola Griffith has returned home from the hospital—We wish her a speedy recovery.

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Oakland Fourth Ward Senior Softball Team;—left to right front, Judson, Walden, Henderson, Tuellen; back; Davis, Judson, Troub, Alkins.

Oakland Fifth.

Welcome Home, Vacation Collegians

By June Smith

School's out! We were very happy to welcome our boys and girls home from college. It is always interesting to hear of their experiences at our Sacrament meeting.

The scouts of the Ward did very well in selling tickets to the Boy Scout flagday show. Roger Collins won first prize in the Explorer division; Kent Redford tied for first place in the Scout division and Dvid Cahristensen won first prize in the Cub division.

Bud and Pat Stone are honeymooning in the Hawaiian Islands. They flew to Honolulu June 13. They plan to spend some time at the Hani Ranch in Maui. A wedding reception was held in their honor at the home of Bro and Sr. O. Leslie Stone June 11.

James Norberg has been transferred from Pergamino to the larger town of Mendoza, Argentina at the foot of the Andes. As soon as James arrived in Mendoza, he was made president of the M.I.A. and musical director and choir leader of the branch.

Tom Stone, our missionary to Tahiti, is now laboring in Papeete, Tahiti. On June 3 President and Sr. Ellis V. Christensen, with their four daughters, spent the day with Br. and Sr. O. Leslie Stone. President Christensen is the new president of the Tahitian mission.

Hayward Girl Wins $300 Scholarship

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Miss McClellan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross McClellan, her father being the bishop of Hayward Ward, and a large building contractor in eastern Alameda County.

Norene majored in College Prep work, emphasis on math and science. She was student body judge, president of the Mathematics Club, and president of student control. She was guest of honor at the AAUW annual installation dinner, June 15.

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show which was held in the new swimming pool at the Deseret Gymnasium on Saturday, June 11.

Demonstrations in syncronized swimming, water ballet, fun games in water, contests, and races were part of the show.

This type of recreation is part of the program to be encouraged by the sports-camp department.

During the months of July and August all girls of the twelve stakes in Division 12 will have the opportunity of participating in a camping experience. Dates and places will be announced by the local ward and stake leaders.

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Oakland Second Ward Senior Softball Team;—left to right, front, Todd, Carter, Turner, Bissel; Back: R. Conner, Edwards, Brown, Rounds, Nethercott, F. Conner.

Alameda Ward

Nine Sunday School Teachers Get Awards

By Amelia Everett

The Teacher's Training Class, taught by Roberta Berrey, presented nine diplomas, one each to Elaine Lane, Clifford and Dorothy Brooke, Cora Hallford, Lavern Millard, Sybil Keefer, Beverly Liebhart, Jane Podwis, and Marina Harrison.

Dan Harrison, teacher of seminary, and family will spend the summer in Provo, Utah. Dan is taking BYU extension courses and seminary training.

Home from BYU for the summer are students Harold Clayson, Nelson Reed, Allen Hunt, DeMoine Backer, Carolyn Gustaveson, David and George Pinckney and graduate Jerry Crandall.

Wayne Lambourne, bishop's counselor, and family are visiting in Utah. J. Gayle and Shirley Morgan have returned from Idaho Falls where they did some temple work. George Pinckney Sr. is doing well after a serious illness.

The Summer Dinner Party, June 24, was the big event of the month with much food and fun.

Rodney Pocock won a telescope for selling 230 tickets for Flag Day Exercises. He came near being stake winner also.

Max Robinson is our new ward clerk. Floyd Severson was released after long, faithful service.

Babies Blessed June 5: Steven Sheldon Mitchell, Noble Napua Napoleon, and Terry Jean Richards.

Centerville

Oxborrow and Baker Families Move; MIA Officers Named

By Bernice Wilson

As soon as the apricots are harvested, we will be ready to break ground for our new chapel. We hope to see the roof on before the rain starts.

The Jed Oxborrow family is moving to Reno where Jed will be supervisor of recreation, and the John Baker family is moving to Portland, Oregon, where John will do architecture and building.

Both have been a very active workers with our youth.

John has been the building chairman and supervised the twelve homes the ward has built. Donna, his wife has been counselor in the Primary. A party was held in their honor June 8.

The MIA of the Centerville Ward has been reorganized with Ruth Hunt as President; Rose Winkel, and Bernice Wilson, counselors; Berma Maughan, Secretary and Treasurer; Darlene Balding, attendance secretary, Helen Allen, drama director; Dorothy Pugmire, Era director; Anna Hoem, music director; Nadine Hoem, organist; Marjorie Blout, special interest group supervisor; Maureen McKinley, Mia Maid leader and Farrell Pugmire, beehive leader.

New Superintendent of the YMMIA is Ward Moore with Don Kelly and Grant Ivie, counselors; Dennis Moffat, Secretary and Kenneth Steadman, Scout Leader.

The Primary Association regrets the loss of three of our staff, Donna Baker, Ruby Eaton, and Helen Allen.

Oakland Third Ward Senior Softball Team;—left to right front, Harris, Fitzpatrick, Lafler, Pierce, Bergen; Back, Eingh, Hunt, Goodrick, Rice, I. Call J. Call.

Daryl W. Green, who has been called on a mission to the Hawaiin Islands from the Centerville ward, was honored at a testimonial June 15. Sister Esther Paulson of San Francisco presented several Hawaiian songs and dances and told Daryl some of the native customs. Daryl, a son of the Earl Greens, has been active in church work and was star catcher on our baseball team. He has completed two years service in the armed forces.

Opportunity to Watch Growth in Primaries

"Primary, to me, has meant many things. It has produced a variety of emotions and feelings, ranging from joy to frustration," states Kay Fern, second counselor in the Oakland Second ward primary.

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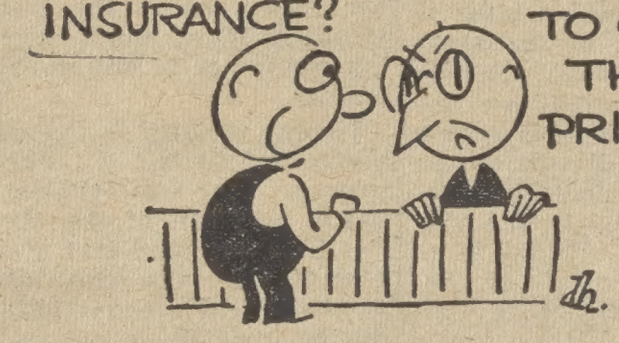

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San Francisco Ward.

Ed. Wright Declared Worthy Honorary Master M Man

By Patrea Egbert

How very happy and proud we are, that Brother Ed Wright of our Bishopric was given the Honorary Master M-Men award in San Francisco Stake this year. No one knows better than the M-Men and Gleaners what a great service he is rendering.

Those who didn't go to the "Hillbilly Hoe-down" sponsored by the Relief Society really missed a good time: dancing to a hillbilly band with Shirley Behrman, George Aaron and LeMar Vaterlaus as it's musicians; a skit about Goldie Locks (Sally Nickel) and Three Crazy Mixed-up Bears (Dolores Lambert, Leaha Hall & Lillian Cornwall, (Gloria Strecke did the narration.); Barber Shop Harmony rendered by the Steers brothers; a girl's trio, Phyllis Bingham, Dorothy Teichert, and Barbara Peterson; singing commercials done by the Pharmacy Twins, Joanne Greenwell and Dolores Lambert; a humorous song by Lynn Tolles and Earla Call; and a skit by Duff Steers, Ken Skousen and Echo Hawkins.. More good-byes again this month. Trulan Rockwood of our Y.M.M.I.A. released from the Federal Service, and he and his wife, Marion, will live in Salt Lake. Bob and Barbara Blackhurst will make their home in Washington soon. Bob also has been a very great help in the M.I.A.

It's nice to see Wayne and Maxine Wright and daughter Cherlyn again. Wayne is to study at the University of California for a doctor's degree.

Welcome, Elder Daniel Hardle, recently returned from an honorable mission in the Canadian Mission.

ROTC Elder Receives Top Cadet Award '55 At S. F. Stake College

Cadet Lt. Colonel Clair F. Lloyd, a member of the Burlingame ward, Palo Alto Stake, recently received the "Outstanding Cadet Award of 1955" from the Air Force ROTC unit at San Francisco State College. The award was based on academic standing and leadership ability.

Elder Lloyd has been past president of the German division of the Alpha Mu Gamma foreign language honor society, and is now the president of the school's chapter of Arnold Air Society. In June he will graduate with an AB degree in business, and will also receive a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force.

. . . CLAIR F. LLOYD

Elder Lloyd served as a missionary in the Swiss-Austrian Mission for 2½ years, from 1949-52, and was married to his wife Barbara in the Salt Lake Temple shortly after his return. He has been active as a Sunday School teacher, MIA activity counselor, and is presently the second Assistant in the Ward Sunday School Superintendency and the Priest's quorum advisor.

Elder Lloyd is the eldest son of Raymond E. and Ellen Lloyd of Millbrae, California.

Arlene Glew

Arlene Glew, daughter of Bro. and Sister Ken Glew of San Francisco was married June 10th in the Salt Lake Temple to Harold Williamson of Provo, Utah. A reception was held June 17th for the couple at San Francisco Ward.

San Francisco Stake.

Walter Danzie Speaks of Welfare Farms; Local Leaders Address Stake Conference

At the quarterly conference on June 4-5, of San Francisco stake the visitors from Salt Lake Walter Dansie of the Welfare Committee was under the necessity of departing following the first general session. This allowed time for expressions from some of our own seldom-heard leaders and others in the stake. President Serge J. Lauper presided at both general sessions.

Brother Dansie stressed the importance of cultivating church farms despite the claims of a surplus now. In emphasizing the feature of welfare in which the aided are asked to work to the extent of their ability and strength, Brother Dansie said that the soul of man was being considered. Work is a blessing, idleness a curse.

He closed by urging the continuation of family storage of food for one to two years—for peace of mind, if nothing else—and the importance of fast donations, the only money available for the needy in the stake and wards.

Soul-Searching Thought

President Lauper opened the morning session with a soul-searching thought that sparked the remarks of many subsequent speakers during the day. He reviewed the story of Joseph Smith and the restoration of the gospel. However, difficult it may be for some to accept the story of the vision from a narrowly logical approach, it still remains the very foundation of the Church and it is important for us to decide about its truthfulness. There is no compromise.

Although it may be difficult to reconcile Mormonism from a logical standpoint, the fruits of the gospel from the past have come to us, and the witness has come to hundreds of thousands who have the personal conviction of truth in their own hearts—a gift of faith from God. We are charged as individuals to settle the question of what is true and to bear testimony as God dictates to us.

James W. Challis, for 3½ years head of the Stake Mission, addressed the conference. He is leaving San Francisco with his family to make a home in Salt Lake City where he becomes city traffic engineer. He has been assistant traffic engineer in San Francisco. He extended gratitude for his family to all who had touched their lives and served with him.

Stake Seminaries

The stake's plans for the inauguration of seminaries in the fall for students in the 9-12 grades were announced by Lee Kenner of the Institute at Berkeley. He told of the phenomenal interest and devotion of young students in other localities such as Southern California with 85% attendance. Brother Kenner affirmed that education is no guarantee of happiness and that all activities are of no avail if we do not establish the good life, as the Savior taught, "I am come that ye might have life more abundantly."

In the afternoon session, President Wallace N. Allred counseled the parents to impart the teachings of the gospel to their children. We have a Father in Heaven, he said, with whom we can discuss our problems 8760 hours a year. Out of those hours the greatest the Church can give the child is 150 hours of teaching.

Parents have the assignment to teach the fundamental religious principles to their children or the sins of the child will be upon the heads of the parents.

High Councillors Speak

Three members of the High Council were speakers at the general sessions—David Neff, Dr. J. Morrille George, and Joseph Greenland.

Missionaries Heard

Missionaries—new and returned—were called to bear their testimonies at this conference. Those home from their missions were Gail Terry of Sunset ward, Brazil; and Dan Hardle of San Francisco ward, Canadian. Leaving soon are Al Pusey of Balboa ward, New Zealand; J. Bonner Ritchie of Sunset ward, Eastern States; and Raymond Stein, Swiss-Austrian.

Called to represent the servicemen was Melvin Farr of San Rafael and representing the young women of the stake was Polly Lauper.

The beautiful music for the conference was prepared by the San Rafael ward for the morning session, Bert Fallows directing with Lorraine Evans and Dorothy Zimmerman accompanists; and by Sunset ward for the afternoon session, Jean Lauper directing with Ida Wihler at the organ. ... ...

Sylvia Moulton; C. E. Wright

The evening session of conference was under the direction of the Stake MIA, Richard Lambert conducting.

An honorary Golden Gleaner award was presented to Sylvia Moulton of Balboa ward, MIA attendance secretary; and Charles E. Wright, San Francisco MIA advisor of the bishopric, was elected to receive the honorary Master M-Men award, both of which were presented by President Lauper.

Bishop Willard Barton of Balboa ward was the principal speaker. Through his subject, "Value of a Master M Men Award to Me," he emphasized the ways in which the qualifications for such an award give the opportunity to develop into well-rounded individuals—with high goals of a spiritual nature, leadership, culture, creative ability, physical fitness—and ultimately to obtain a life abundant.

Softball Tournament Begins

The annual churchwide Softball Tournament, sponsored by the Stake Melchizedek Priesthood, swung into motion on June 16. Games are scheduled every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Balboa Park.

STAKE PRIMARY

Fina Abegg, stake Blazer leader, has been released in order to accept a position in her ward.

Sustained to positions on the Primary board are Mariorie Smith of Sunset, secretary; Marjorie Craft of Balboa II, organist; and Marjorie Scoville of San Francisco, leader of Group I and II.

Last month Primary board members Gerda Greene, Vera Forbyn, Verda Henry, Marjorie Smith and Ethel Salin attended the stake regional meeting in Santa Rosa.

Summer Specials

Plans are under way for some big summer activities by the Stake MIA. They have alerted the stake to a gala event in observance of the 24th of July on July 23.

The success of last summer's comic operetta—ensures the repeat of a similar musical fete in this year's program.

MIA leaders who attended the quarterly June Conference in Salt Lake City from this stake were Fred Grow, Emily Trottier, Clar-

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. . . DAVID A. PETERSON

Local LDS Youth Elected High School Student Body Head

David A. Peterson, a priest in Burlingame Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Peterson, has been elected president of Capuchino High School student body — he takes office as a junior.

He was sophomore class president this year and president of his freshman class last year.

David is a member of the Block "C" Society and played on Frosh-Soph football and baseball teams and varsity basketball.

He is a member of Capuchino High's choral group and participated in school operettas the past two years.

Before entering high school he served as 8th grade class president.

As an eighth grader he was selected outstanding youth leader in the district in national Elk's Youth Leadership competition.

Last year he was awarded a scholarship by the Millbrae Lion's Club to participate in a six weeks intensive junior leadership training program at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. At the completion of this training he was elected permanent senior patrol leader of his troop, which was made up of boys from the entire United States. This is the highest honor to be achieved here.

He has been active in Scouting the past six years, serving as Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster this year.

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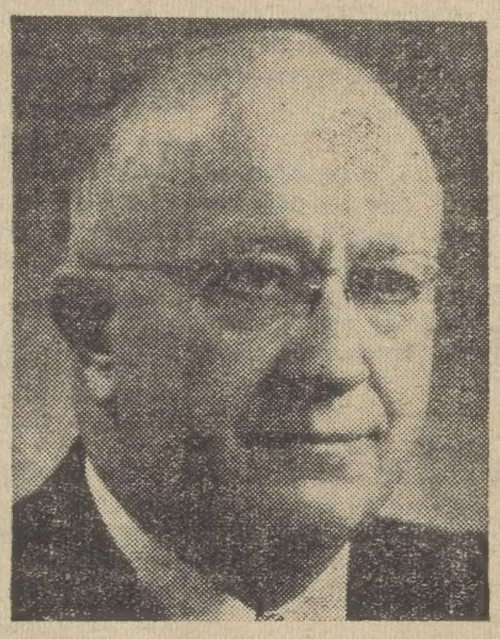

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Menlo Park Softball Team

Menlo Park Sofball team looking confident just prior to defeating San Mateo first, Palo Alto Stake defending softball champs, in their their first meeting this season. Back row, left to right: Dick Goates, Stan Michelson, Joy Sevy, Bill Hull, Bob Stone. Front row: Rick Choplin, Marv Mumford, Ernie Bingham, Wendell West, Bruce McLaws.

Stake Directors

Directing the current Softball program in Palo Alto Stake are Bill Davis—stake athletic director on the left, and Lou Osterloh—stake priesthood representative on the right.

Walter Danzie Speaks Of Welfare Farms

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ence F. Giles, Sylvia Moulton, Eleanor Laws, Coye Roberts, Wilma Leventon, Charles and Sally Nauman.

STAKE FUN DAY

Balboa ward was host to the stake MIA for a full day of play at the Marin Town and Country Club on June 25. Arrangements for this event were under the direction of the presidency and superintendency of the Balboa MIA.

STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ward Sunday School attendance figures for May were:

Balboa, 30%; Balboa II, 36; Mission, 37; San Francisco, 34; San Rafael, 29; Sunset, 29.

Average for the month was 33%.

Instructor subscriptions tally 77% of the June 20 goal as of the end of May, reported Superintendent Wesley Tolley.

PERSONALLY . . .

D. Forrest Greene, a member of the High Council, has opened his own investment securities firm with offices in the Russ Building. With this new venture he has been accepted as a member on the San Francisco Stock Exchange. We wish him well.

Claudia Lauper, daughter of President and Sister Serge J. Lauper, has been serving as the Young Women's Supervisor of the MIA in the New England States Mission. Claudia is a student at Wellesley College.

Redwood City

New Ward Division Activates Members

By Ann Brown

The Redwood City and San Carlos MIA has now been divided, thus bringing new officers and teachers into activity.

New YMMIA superintendent is John G. Weaver, with Wayne I. Alsop and Burton R. Howard, counselors. Ruth Terranova remains YWMIA president, with Margaret Reynolds and Rose Parker counselors.

Division of the ward also brought changes to other auxiliaries: Carl W. Wilcox remains Sunday School superintendent, with Edwin L. Ringwood and Robert Youman his new counselors.

Relief Society President is Thelma Howard, assisted by Eloise Baker and Ann Beth Brown.

Primary is continuing with Rose Marshall, president and Marcelle Weaver and Evaline Cassell assistants.

Russell Rock is our new ward clerk, with John Cassell, assistant clerk, and Donald C. Baker, financial clerk.

San Francisco.

James Challis Made Traffic Engineer For City of Saints

For Salt Lake City

The Deseret Daily News of June 19 on its front page with a picture printed the following:

"It's a big job and there's lots of work to be done—but it's wonderful to be back in Salt Lake City."

These words were spoken Monday by James W. Challis, Salt Lake City's new traffic engineer who began his official duties Monday morning. Mr. Challis arrived early Sunday from San Francisco where he has been assistant traffic engineer. He is a native Salt Laker."

With Mr. Challis are his three youngest children, 6, 4, and 2. They will stay with Mrs. Challis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Mackay, 1849 E. 13th South.

The Challis' two older children, Rebecca, 10, and Jane, 8, are in San Francisco with Mrs. Challis, the former Ruth Mackay, who is awaiting the birth of another child, expected next month.

Balboa

Gospel Best Cure For Summer Vacation Time Delinquency Diseases

By Gideon E. Marquardt

Summer vacation time for our children adds much responsibility to the home. For many more hours than usual they are in our direct care. Social workers and reformers will have a lot to say and do about summertime delinquency of kids, disease as old as life itself.

IT CAN BE CURED if Mutual, Primary, and Sunday School keep their activities high and good; if ward teachers make their appointed calls; if Dad and Mother gather the children to them with love, affection, and proper example.

The new and everlasting Gospel is the cure for youth's delinquency. An old disease, but the cure is sure and well tried. Use it in generous doses all summer, and then through the year. It is good for young and old alike.

—Bishop Willard B. Barton

Max Angle has been sustained president of the Third Quorum of elders, replacing Reid Lindstrom. The two counselors, Willard Lund and Alex Logan, will serve until new appointments.

Sylvia Moulton received an Honorary Golden Gleaner Pin at last stake conference. All wish her well . . . At our girls award night, June 19th, 18 girls and 2 Leaders received individual awards. Three girls received 100% award: Leslie Glazier, Pearl Buckley, and Kathryn Glazier.

San Carlos Ward

Many Ward Activities Center on Final Push To Complete Chapel

By Mary Jones

The San Carlos Ward is giving a final push to get their chapel finished. Among their fund raising activities have been welfare dinners sponsored by the Primary and the Relief Society. Another dinner will be given on July 16th by the Mutual and the Sunday School. One f the biggest attractions in the fund raising drive was a show held May 23rd under the direction of William Stoker of the San Mateo Ward and was entirely professional.

The first Sunday in June saw the return of many of the students who were at Brigham Young University this past year. They include Sherry Roth, Thelma Davis, Carol Peterson, Jean Holmes, Shauna Larson, Gary Proctor, Ronald Griffin, and Terry Warner. Welby W. Bigelow Jr. graduated from the University of Utah with a B.A. degree in chemistry.

The first ward conference of the San Carlos Ward was held June 19 and was enjoyed very much by everyone who attended.

Sharp Park Branch Palo Alto Stake Made Independent Branch

by Charlene Caufield

Independence Day came a little early to the Coastside this year. Sunday night, May 22, was another red letter day on our calendar as the Coastside was made an independent branch in a special meeting at sacrament service held in the branch home.

Stake President David B. Haight came from Palo Alto to officiate and several officers and friends from San Bruno Ward attended; among them Bishop Curtis, Ralph Montague, Zola Bardner, and Ellen Lloyd, all of whom did so very much to lay the ground-work for our Church organization here on the coast.

We now hold the imposing title of "The Sharp Park Branch of the Palo Alto Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" and our equally imposing presidency consists of President Seymour Steed, and counselors Robert Parry and Ruben Burrell, with James Hopkins as ward clerk and Arthur Warden as financial clerk.

"Fashion Show"

Arvin Springthorpe, and Mary Watts in a scene from the play "Fashion" produced by Claremont Ward MIA, May 20 and 21.

San Rafael

Melvin Farr New MIA Superintendent

By Joyce K. Cowley

Melvin Farr is our new YMMIA Superintendent. Wilford Tolman was released June 19 with a vote of thanks.

First counselor to Bishop Roe, Dr. C. R. Leininger and his wife and four children, vacationed in Rexburg Idaho, visiting relatives. Bro. Juan Lynn, his wife, Helen, and their two daughters traveled to Lovell, Wyoming, for two weeks.

Randle Romney is the new scoutmaster in place of Richard Ryan, whom we thank for his excellent work with the boys. Lorna Fallows, YMMIA counselor, has been released and thanked for her service.

We welcome the family of John Von Wagner from Salt Lake City. Brother Von Wagner is an executive member of the Marin Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is an elder in the Church, a returned missionary, and resides with his wife and three sons in San Anselmo.

Al Puessy has received his call to the New Zealand mission, our ward's first full-time missionary.

Ward members should be very proud of their choir. The performance it gave at stake conference, June 5, was truly inspiring. The choir is led by Albert Fallows, and accompanist is Lorraine Evans.

Work will begin soon on the lawns surrounding our chapel. It is hoped that the chapel grounds will be completely landscaped and planted within a very short time. Rake and shovel, are called for by one and all.

Elmer Eckman, and his wife, Mary, from Tooele, Utah, have been visiting their daughter, Mary Spencer.

Sunset

Primary MIA Heads Set Active Program For Summer Doings

By Overti E. Aaron

Of times in planning for vacation we fail to include that Spiritual refreshment which comes through continued activity with Church and proper observance of the Sabbat day, wherever we may be. Sunset Ward hopes to accommodate members, friends, and visitors during the next three months. Planned are many interesting church activities.

Summer primary meeting time is 10 a.m. Claire Engel is our new Primary president with Marguerite Roehl and Viola Johnson as counselors. Patricia Robinson was honorably released and honored at a social June 2.

Sunset Ward's Boy Scouts were honored with an invitation from the San Francisco Council to participate July 19 in the "Festival of Faith" at the Cow Palace in connection with the United Nations Tenth Anniversary Conference. Scoutmaster Ed Costa and the following scouts represented thetroop: Gary and Donald Spratling, Leonard Collett, Richard Gracie, and David Mairs.

The young people of the ward are sponsoring a very interesting and active summertime MIA program. Join the group at MIA every Tuesday and have fun . . . Released with a vote of thanks from the MIA presidency were: the presidency, George William Aaron, George T. Stromberg and Albert K. Barlow, and Douglas Monroe, secretary. George T. Stromberg was sustained as our new MIA president.

Merlyn and Joel Leetham, former members of this ward, on Sunday, July 10, will speak at our Sacrament meeting.

Babies blessed May 29: Leslie Ann Barlow, Michael Roy Nixon, and Gail Louise Sammons; ordained a teacher, Raemond Sammons, June 12.

Robert Terry's smiling face is a welcome sight, after two years in the service in Germany.

Captain Paul Thomson and his family are visiting here again for the summer months, but Paul is on leave and will be reporting back for duty in two weeks.

The family of J. Bonner Ritchie went to Salt Lake City to see him off for the mission field. While there Bishop and Sister Ritchie attended the annual Beneficial Life Insurance convention. From there, along with Russell and his grandmother, Sister Wooten, they visited relatives and friends in other parts of Utah.

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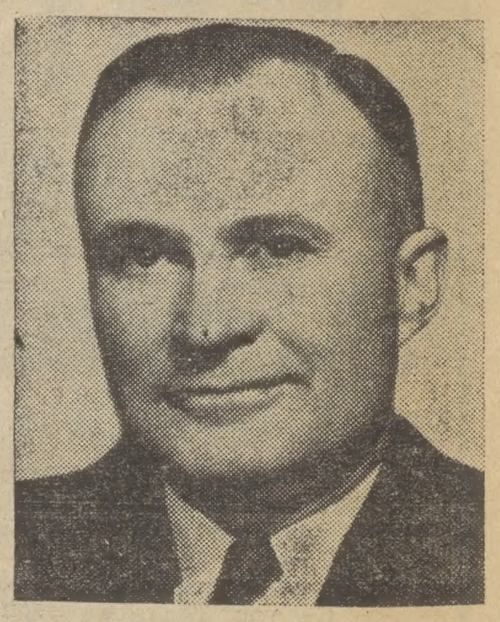

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Palo Alto Stake

Menlo Pk., San Bruno Play In All-Church Volleyball Play-Offs

By W. R. Davis, Stake Ath. Dir.

VOLLEYBALL—Palo Alto High School, Saturday, May 7, 1955, was the scene of the last major sport playoff in division 12 which includes all of northern California and Nevada. Ten teams participated in the double elimination tournament to determine two teams to represent this Northern California division in the All-Church Playoffs in Salt Lake City. An official of the US Volleyball Association acted as head official.

Two teams from Palo Alto stake, Menlo Park and San Bruno, placed first and second respectively in the tournament. These teams went on to Salt Lake City where they made a very respectable showing. Menlo Park reached the semi-finals, being defeated there by the Lakewood team who won the tournament, and San Bruno reached the quarter finals. The two teams also placed three men on the All-Church team—Bill Hull and Bill Davis from Menlo Park and Fred Kaanapu from San Bruno.

SOFTBALL—Palo Alto stake's softball program is well underway. All games are played at Nealon Park at 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Nine wards out of a possible ten are fielding teams. Not only that, they are showing up on time for the games. This is indicative of the enthusiasm that prevails in the league this year.

The team to beat this year is probably San Mateo First with "Wild Bill" Haycock on the mound. With Bill pitching, San Mateo has managed to be the league winner for the last three years at least. There are several teams out to get Bill, as always. This year may be the year since San Mateo First is bemoaning the loss of several of their key players (sob!) from previous years to San Mateo Second as a result of spliting of the wards.

The nine wards fielding teams in Palo Alto Stake are San Bruno, Burlingame, San Mateo First, San Mateo Second, San Carlos, Redwood City, Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale .

Deseret News Interviews DeVere Baker, Lehi Skipper

On June 8, 1955, the Deseret News of Salt Lake City quoted DeVere Baker as saying in Salt Lake, where he was in route to Odgen to visit his family, "We won't stop until we've reached the goal." He was speaking of the Lehi raft expeditions.

The News report continues saying: "The native Utahn says he will leave this week for Hollywood where RKO Television and Julian Leslie will produce a short feature film on the Lehi adventure."

Mr. Baker was quoted as saying that plans for the third expedition will progress "full speed" after Hollywood, the launching to be in Southern California or Mexico this time instead of San Francisco.

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No. Calif. Mission

Golden Gate District Leads in Total Points

The Golden Gate district (East Bay area) of the Northern California Mission lead the other seven districts in the mission, having 1193 total points for the month of May 1955, involving a dozen activities of missionaries, according to June releases.

Four elders in San Francisco distributed respectively 19, 16, 15, and 13 copies of the Book of Mormon. Two elders in the Golden Gate district distributed ten each of the same book in May.

Two elders laboring in the East Bay area lead the mission in the average number of hours spent per day in missionary labors, 11 and 10.6 hours respectively. Two other elders in the same district spend 10 hours daily respectively.

Pres. and Mrs. Gardner of the Mission are pictured on the June mission report issued by a committee of missionaries.

A delicious banquet and an artistic program on stage was enjoyed by a happy hallfull of diners at the Liahona Club's annual banquet, June 15, in the Claremont's recreation hall, Berkeley.

Berkeley Erickson made a pleasing M.C. Dr. and Mrs. C. Ronald Smith headed the committee.

The evening of gustatory and cultural feasting included a most finished violin artist, Florence Zarmora, accompanied by her sister, Nancy; the always-best vocal duetists, Rex and Mary Bolles, accompanied by Mrs. Rowene Bassinger; the happy Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinsons, and Ralph Olson, the puzzling magician.

Phil Lewis and the charming Mrs. Lewis prepared and served the sumptuous meal. Colored slides of the Liahona Campsite closed a rich evening.

Berkeley Second.

Primary and Mutual Plan Summer Swims, Parties and Dances

By Jean C. Smith

The Primary changed to the summer schedule starting June 23, Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Calvin Kuhre and Roma Sabine, MIA presidents, have announced an exciting summer activity schedule to be held jointly with the Claremont and Berkeley 1st Ward: swimming parties, picnics, movies, a Hawaiian costume party, dancing and variety show. A copy of the schedule has been sent to each family in the ward. Everyone is getting in the act.

Helen Jenson announces Welfare canning of apricots, peaches, pears and beets. The same items will be group canning for personal use also; if you are interested, notify the bishopric immediately.

Grace Hopkins, Thelma Heplinger and Jenny Thulin recently took the state course for food processing supervisors. Their help will be greatly appreciated at the cannery this summer.

Dilworth Jensen, ward canning supervisor would like to be advised of good fruit sources. He would also like to know of anyone who has a truck and time during the day for hauling the fruit.

It is a pleasure to welcome home from the BYU Stephen Barrett, Arthur Hopkins, Jr., Carol Thulin, Gerald Lewis, Charles Summerhays and Joy Ashman. Joy's report: "We all loved it!"

We congratulate Joan Sabine and Bob Allison who were married June 13th in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception was held in the Berkeley Institute on June 15th. Bob was on leave from his Army duties in Georgia and had to leave again for Fort Hood, Texas on June 17 th. Joan will join him later.

We would like to welcome Mary and James H. Christensen into the ward, from Boise, Idaho. They have purchased a home at 241 Colusa St. They are the parents of Jean Smith.

Sad adieus must be said to some of our most prominent young families. Merial and Ferryle McOmber are moving to the Palo Alto area where Ferryle will teach in the new Menlo-Atherson High School.

Harold and Elmeda McNamara and family are moving to Provo. Harold will teach sciences at the BYU.

Laura (Summerhays) and Gary Stay are moving to Denver. Gary will study hotel and restaurant management at Denver University.

Congratulations to the parents of two new baby boys: Eugene and Rebecca Jacobs, and Jack and DeRae Kennedy.

Don't give away those outgrown children's clothes, toys and furniture! Save them for the 'Swap Shop" in the bazaar Oct. 15th. Preparations are already underway to make this event the social highlight of the year.

Our ward feels especially proud to have Mickey Olson as one of its members. Mickey was honored as the outstanding MIA worker in the Church at June MIA Conference in the Tabernacle.

Judy Odell was elected president recently of the Tarquin club at the Berkeley high school. Her picture appeared in the Berkeley Gazette in June.

Berkeley Stake

Wells B. Wilkenson Issue May Report Berk. Stake Mission

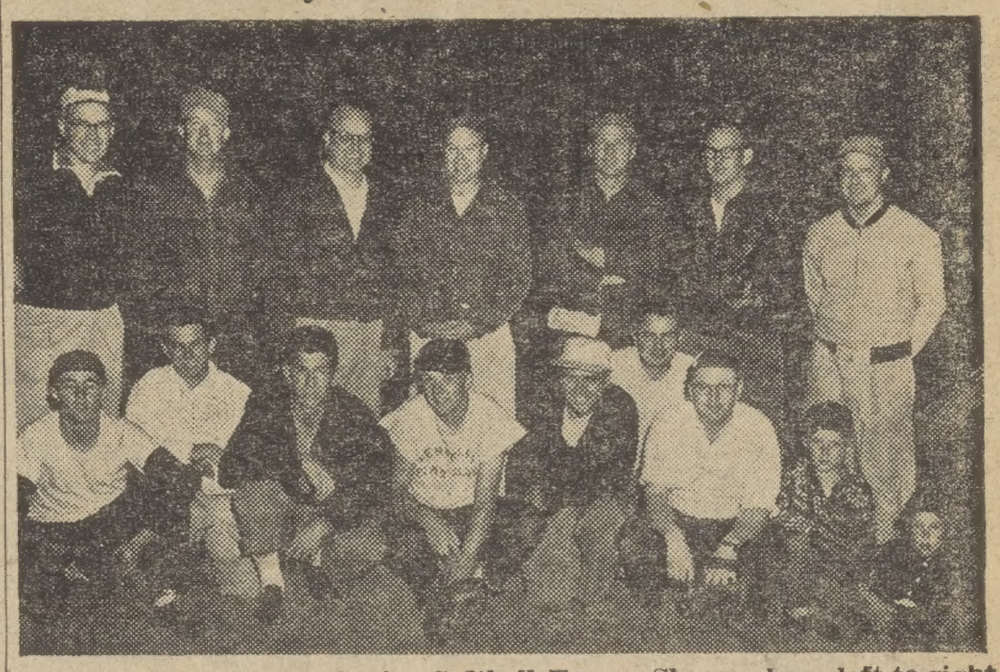
The report for May 1955 of the Berkeley Stake Mission, compiled by Secretary Rudolph M. Korth of Martinez, under the direction of the new mission president, Wells B. Wilkinson of Walnut Creek, shows for that month a total of 79 stake missionaries (21 women and 58 men), four being incapacitated by reason of illness or other causes. Last year the total was 69.

This active group working under 8 district presidents spent 1906 hours (averaging over 25 hours) in 830 times out. Meetings held (in the home) totaled 301 for May or an average of four per missionary.

Baptisms for the month of May reached 28, raising the total for the mission this year to 70 as against 63 last year on the same date.

BERKELEY STAKE

Berkeley Second Senior Softball Team



Berkeley Second Senior Softball Team—Shown above left to right are: top row: Hulme, Jenson, Balmforth, Olson, Smith, Clyde, Jacobs. Bottom row: Derr, Summerhays, Kelsey, Green, Polley, Burnthon, Storey, Jacobs, Jacobs.

Concord

Marion Dansie and Mac Durrand Chosen New MIA Heads

By Lorraine Reinoldson

The M.I.A. released its wonderful presidents, Bessie Lee and Robert Spears. Marion Dansie, with Lenore Wittwer and Dorothy Thomas as counselors will prove worthy new leaders, as will Mac Durrant, with his two counselors, Karl Eriksson and Jim Gautier.

Mutual will continue its programs every Tuesday night all summer. There were 150 young people in attendance while the Ward Orchestra provided the music in our new patio. It was also on this night that Gene Smith was presented an Eagle award, by Victor Linblad, Chief Scout Executive in this area. Five were chosen to go on the World Jamboree, among whom was Gene Smith.

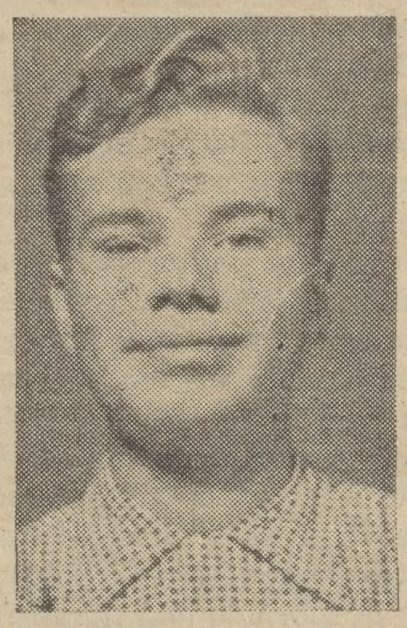
Bishop and Sister Markham left for their Long Beach vacation to see the bishop's brother, Dr. Don C. Markham, a leading scouter.

Kay Creer will be teaching in Redwood City this coming year.

Kenny Dahlin came home from BYU for sister Nancy's wedding, to Howard Gilliland, a Chicago boy. The couple plan a Temple marriage next summer.

We broke in our recreation hall, June 24, to the tune of Hawaiian entertainment. The kitchen was used for the first time to prepare dinner for over 300.

Richard Miratti



Richard Miratti, 17, of Burlingame ward, is a Senior at Buringame High school. He is president of the Junior Auxiliary of the Pacific Musical Society of San Francisco an organization that has produced such concert artists as Isaac Stern and Yheudi Methuin. After his high school graduation, Richard plans to attend Brigham Young University.

Robert Anderson Joyce Thomas Wed In Germany

Many in Pittsburg will remember Robert Anderson, high school teacher and Church worker who accepted a teaching position in Germany in 1954. He attended the LDS Institute as did his recently wedded bride, Joyce Thomas of Berkeley First, while they were students at "Cal."

The couple were married by LDS chaplain Ivons, formerly of Pittsburg Ward now at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Honeymoon included a tour of Europe.

Responsbilities Told Divisional Sports Camp Supervisors

By Rhea Gustaveson

The Sports-camp program of Division 12 is under the direction of Rhea Gustaveson who was appointed by the General Board to supervise this work in District I: Oakland, Berkeley, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose Stakes and Dist. I: Fresno, San Jiaquin, Sacramento, North Sacramento, Gridley and Reno Stakes. This is a total of 12 Northern California stakes of the Church.

There should be a sports-camp director in every stake and ward. The primary duty of such directors is to carry out an active sports program for the girls of the stake or ward. In some stakes it may be deemed advisable to appoint both a sports and a camp director.

Some of the specific responsibilities of the divisional sports-camp directors are:

To be informed as to personnel with whom to work and the line of authority (see article, "Line of Authority" on this same page of the Messenger.)

To become acquainted with conditions in stakes and wards.

Know the facilities and equipment available for sports activities both in and out-of-doors.

Know the facilities and need of camping areas.

Know what improvements are being made in both camp and sports program.

Know how many girls are in each age-group in each stake.

Promote and encourage sports and camp standards.

Attend and participate in clinics and training programs offered by the Y.W.M.I.A., schools, universities, recreation departments, American Red Cross and similar agencies in each area.

Conduct sports and camp training institutes and clinics prior to season or event.

Plan inter-stake activities where feasible.

Encourage game nights, tournaments, daycamping, family outings, camping experiences and other outlined events, within the stakes.

Intra-stake activities still remain the responsibility of the stake itself.

The Messenger
Of Northern California

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

"Thank You, I'll Be There"

With these words, "Thank you, I'll be there," John Hangartner, 76, Claremont Ward, has answered the call to voluntary service 110 times as head mailer for the Messenger of Northern California.

One hundred-tentimes, that is, in 100 months from April, 1946 to June, 1955.

And note please, that 100 months adds up to nine years and two months, without a break.

But now John Hangartner ends his efficient services as head mailer for the Messenger. Home duties in caring for an ailing life companion, and a little slowing down of his own vigor, perhaps, have compelled a reluctant but clear cut statement; "Don't call me any more, Brother Ball, to come to help on the Messenger. I can't come."

Editorial

That's all.

A man of very few words is John, the German convert of over fifty years. But those few words are his bond, whether for coming or stopping.

Wherever his post of duty called him, John Hangartner was there, without fail, rain or shine. And he worked without let up; and he stayed until the job was done for that day. Was it attending meetings? Give our brother 100 per cent. Was it on the chapel building lot? Another 100 per cent! It was so with the mailing of the Messenger. Also 100 percent voluntary, hearty, happy service.

When the times comes for the books to be opened over there in a better land and credit is meted out for services rendered unselfishly and well John Hangartner's name, like Ben Amens in the poem will be found to lead all the rest. At least, that's how we feel about it.

God bless and comfort our loyal friend, and brother, now and forever. That's our prayer for John Hangartner, head mailer for the Messenger for nine years and two months without a failure or excuse or complaint.

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"Archaeological Research Is Not Needed To Tell Me Book of Mormon is True"

Have you ever heard that statement from devout Latter-day Saints?

Have you ever thought that the statement was both true and misleading, as it stands? It is.

It's true so fare as inferring that a testimony of the divinity of the Nephite scriptures must come ultimately from the Holy Ghost, and not depend primarily on external evidence.

In this sense one does not need the Three or the Eight Witnesses to tell him the book is true.

It is misleading so far as it infers that workers in the field of Book of Mormon archaeology lay an improper claim for their work—a claim that their work can supplant the Holy Ghost in giving a testimony.

Latter-day Saints who are intent on uncovering archaeological evidence of the truth of the Nephite scriptures see clearly that American archaeology has a rare power to intrigue the interest of mankind and draw them to read seriously that ancient American book. They see how relatively easy it is thus to lead men and women, and even children, to study the latter-day message in its entirety. They see that a number of converts have thus been brought into the Church, and to gain later a testimony from the Holy Ghost as to the divinity of the Book of Mormon and the life's work of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Those interested in American archaeology know that the General Authorities endorse serious archaeological work in Book of Mormon fields, and that they always have encouraged such work from the days of the Prophet Joseph to the days of President McKay.

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My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

Summer time is travel time in America, and it should be a happy vacation time with many of us going to distant places, meeting new people and visiting old friends and loved ones. It is reassuring to all of us to know that our Heavenly Father protects us wherever we go, if we live worthily and ask his care. Indeed—we are commanded to pray continually and in all that we do. In the words of Amulek:

"Cry unto him in your houses, yea, over all your household, both morning, mid-day and evening. Yea, and when you do not cry unto the Lord, let your hearts be full, drawn out in prayer unto him continually for your welfare, and also for the welfare of those who are around you."

Sister Jennie Starkey of the San Francisco Stake Sunday School Board, tells of an experience that deeply impressed her with the certainty of God's protecting care while traveling on dangerous highways.

"My husband and I, with our son John and two small grandchildren drove to Utah for a Thanksgiving holiday in November 1953. The trip there was glorious, with fall weather, crisp but not cold and the roads were perfect. On our return however, conditions were just the reverse. We ran into an early blizzard in Nevada. The snow was falling so heavily and in such large flakes that it was almost impossible to see and the surface of the road was like polished glass. When we were about 17 miles east of Elko, Nevada the car was skidding and sliding so dangerously near the steep incline at the road edge that may husband and son decided they must put on chains before attempting to proceed."

"We had all joined in a prayer before leaving Salt Lake City that morning, but I felt impressed with the urgency of immediate prayer. While the men were putting on the chains I turned to my two little grandchildren asking them to kneel with me in the back seat of the car to ask the Lord to guide us safely through the storm."

"When we continued driving we had traveled scarcely half a block when we noted the snowflakes becoming smaller and smaller. Soon they turned to fine rain and the roads were no longer slick and glassy. We continued our trip homeward in complete safety."

"I will always remember this experience and be grateful to my Heavenly Father for the testimony I have that He watches over us always in answer to our prayers."

Berkeley First

Three Local Misses Presented in Piano Recitals

A delightful piano recital Sunday, June 13, presented Jean Merrill of the Malcome and Thelma Merrills, and Sonya and Sue Juane Evans of the David and Helga Evans in recital by Helen Saylor Sizer at the Berkeley Piano Club on Haste Street. . .

Among the summer school attendants at the University of California are Dr. Asael D. Woodruff, Dean of BYU school of education, who will teach education courses during the first six weeks (June-July). Brother Woodruff, a great-grandson of Pres. Wilford W. Woodruff, is a member of the General Sunday School Board, and has taught at Cornel University and filled federal educational assignments in Washington D. C.

Wayne E. Mayhew was given a beautiful testimonial in May as he retired from the stake presidency. He has been called to assist in other responsible services to the Church by the General Authorities.

Also L. Schoebel, seminary teacher at Heber City, Utah. He is looking forward eventually to a doctorate degree . . .

A lovely wedding reception was given in June for Joan Sabine and Robert W. Allison Jr., at the LDS Institute of Religion.

Berkeley Erickson Teaches

Dr. Hearle with Marguerite and Blaine, having left our ward for Oakland Second (their new home is on Tate St., Oakland) has turned over his duties as teacher of the gospel doctrine class to Berkeley Erickson, (son of A.D. and Aleda).

I. B. Ball reports an interesting six-week trip to supposed Book of Mormon lands in Southern Mexico in April-May in company with Tom Ferguson. He made a report to the ward and to two fireside groups in early June. Elder Ferguson heads the New World Archaeological Foundation and will, reportedly, place a full-fledged digging expedition in Chiapas, Mexico, beginning October 1955, and continuing for the ensuing four years.

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, state director of public health, is chedule to spend a month soon consulting on public health in several Central American nations.

The Singing Mothers of the two wards presented a lovely evening of sacred music to a joint sacrament session June 5, under the leadership of Helga Evans.

Hazel Ball sang the soprano obligato in one number; Enid Young was soprano soloist; Rowena Masinger and Helen Cloves, pianists; Marguerite Fife, and Elaine Evans, readers.

Mrs. Vera Mayhew's short story, "A Good Life" appears in the June issue of the Relief Society Journal. Set in a California desert town, and with only three characters, the story gently unfolds those subtle "companionable bonds" that exist among the sisters of LDS Relief Societies everywhere.

Claremont Ward

J. B. Gleasons See Son Byron Sustained Bishop, Murray Ward

By Ruth Garrod

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gleason made a very happy trip to Salt Lake City to attend the ordination of their son Byron O. Gleason as Bishop of Murray 8th Ward, May 30th. Byron formerly lived here.

Mrs. Curtis Millward and Mrs. Roslyn Scott attended a formal wedding in Hollywood June 13th. While there they attended services at the Hollywood Ward.

Mr. George Badouin, Mrs. Ella Krabbe and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ricks gave a barbecue party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ricks June 4, for all the members of the cast and associates of the play "Fashion" which was presented at Claremont Ward May 20 and 21. The play was a huge success; our special thanks to Rhea Nelson for such excellent services as director, and to all members of the production.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hatt and Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood journeyed to Salt Lake recently. Don attended an insurance convention.

On vacation are Mrs. Paul Hyer and their children in Salt Lake City; Mrs. Ella Krabbe in Murray, Utah. Mr. George Badouin and family in Yosemite Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mann will soon move to Arizona.

Deke and Mary Eldredge have started to build their home on Chabot Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Karpus went to San Francisco June 19th to see their new grandson, born to Mrs. Barbara Gordet. The baby underwent major surgery at Stanford Lane Hospital immediately after birth but is recovering rapidly.

Some of the college graduates receiving degrees June 17th, from University of California are Mary Simons, B. S.; Ronald W. Wyatt, B. S.; and L. E. (Eric) Erickson; L. L. B. in law. He is planning on practicing law in the Bay Area.

Among those leaving our ward are Mr. and Mrs. John Martinez who are going to Mexico. (We are proud to report, however, that Brother Martinez won a $3,000 scholarship in Mexico); Mr. and Mrs. R. Wickel; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brenaman, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burdett. Mrs. Jodine Wood will live in Port Angeles, Wash., with her parents this summer. She will join Don C. at Seattle in the fall where he will attend dental school at the University of Washington.

Centerville Senior Softball Team;—left to right, front, Van Wagnor, Moore, O'Gleen; Back, Pugmire, Oxborrow, Moore, Bailey, Moffat,

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WEDDINGS

Hayward: Yvonne Atkin and Joe Supinger, both of our ward, were married in the Mesa Temple on the 20th of June. Reception was held for them on July 1st in the ward's recreation hall.

Martinez: Brother and Sister Edward Cullum of Concord have extended a cordial invitation to their friends in the Martinez ward to an open house to be held at their home, 2335 Concord Boulevard, Sunday, July 17, from 2 to 6 on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Martinez: Shirley Perrins was married to Roger Tyler in the Idaho Falls Temple June 10. A reception was held in the Martinez ward chapel June 18.

Walnut Creek: David Dehlin, son of Brother and Sister Preston Dehlin was married June 11 in the St. George Temple to Nan Parkinson, daughter of the V. R. Parkinson of Franklin, Idaho.

Alameda: Jerry Crandall, a 1955 graduate of the BYU, is engaged to Carol Groshell of Washington.

Berkeley First: Joan Sabine and Robert William Allison, Jr., were given a beautiful reception, Wednesday June 15th at the Berkeley LDS Institute after their marriage, June 13th, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Oakland Third: George F. Hilton and Yvonne Marie Horta were honored at a June wedding reception, Thursday, June 16th, at the LDS Institute in Berkeley following a temple ceremony June 14th in St. George.

Oakland Fifth: Ronald (Bud) Verl Stone and Lois Patricia Judd were given a lovely home reception Saturday June 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone in Piedmont, following a wedding in the Salt Lake Temple.

S. F. Ward: Arlene Glew, daughter of the Ken Glews, was married June 10 in the Salt Lake Temple to Harold Williamson of Provo, Utah. Reception was in San Francisco chapel June 17.

Dean Rickenback (our M Men teachr) married Dixie White in the Salt Lake Temple June 23.

OBITUARIES

Castro Valley.

We regret the passing of Albert Henry Hansen. Services were held on June 17th. He and his wife, Sina, had recently returned from receiving their endowments at the Salt Lake Temple. All of our love and sympathy are extended to Sister Hansen and family.

Oakland Fourth.

Mary Heath, wife of Robert William Heath, passed away June 18, 1955. She was the loving mother of seven fine children who survive her. The whole family are noted for their excellent singing and their willingness to perform, as also Mary Heath's sister, Rose Weiland.

Clark Fails Leaves For Summer Study In Quebec University

Dr. Clark Fails, recently released from the stake mission presidency, and a language teacher at the Contra Costa Junior College, left June 22 for a French summer school study at the Laval University in the city of Quebec. Having served a mission in Spanish speaking lands, he now seeks further proficiency in mastery of French.

HAYWARD: To Lenore and Elmer Rogers, a son, David Mallory, born April 22nd. To Ruth and Blaine Wilson, May 4th, a third daughter, named Jennifer.

BIRTHS

Castro Valley.

To Randall and Marion Sundberg on May 12, a son, Eugene Randall.

Hayward: To Ruth and Blaine Wilson, a third child, Jennifer, born on May 4th. Lenore and Elmer Rodgers welcomed a fifth child on April 22nd, David Mallory.

Joyce and Earnest Webb are the proud parents of Clarise, born June 19th. Little Sheri, a fourth child, was born to Rita and Max Blair, June 25th.

Walnut Creek: A son to Floyd and Mixine Pickett was born Wednesday, June 15. A girl was born Friday, June 24, to Glaine and Gloria Kimball.

Centerville: An 8 lb 15½ ounce baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jibson May 31. Mother and baby, Ann Marie, are doing fine.

Pleasant Hill: The welcome mat is really out for two new additions: a second son was born to Evelyn and Phyl Hilton Tuesday, June 7, at Kaiser hospital in Walnut Creek. David Robert Hilton weighed 7 pounds 3½ ounces. On Tuesday, June 14, our Bishop, Joe Roy Hilton and his wife, Wanda, welcomed their third son and sixth child, Thomas Samuel Eugene Hilton, born at Kaiser hospital, Walnut Creek, and he weighed in at 6 pounds 1 ounce. (Bet Grandma and Grandpa Eugene Hilton are "pleased as punch' too).

Alameda: Dorothy Brooke was honored with a baby shower June 16. About 27 attended. Hostesses were Roberta Berrey, Cora Hallford and LaVerne Millard.

San Rafael: Evelyn and Willard Scott welcomed a daughter born May 22. To Eleise and Mearle Smith, a daughter was born, May 28.

Redwood City: to Colleen and Russell Rock, a daughter, on March 5. To Anna Beth and Edwin Brown, a daughter, March 31. To Lois and Walter Carlson, a son, February 12.

San Leandro: It's another boy for Herbert and Mary Marsh, in early June.

Berkeley Second: To Rebecca and Eugene Jacobs a Reed Thomas born May 28.

Rodeo Ward

Potluck Dinner Held For Building Fund

By Una Ellsworth

A kick-off potluck dinner at Veteran's Memorial hall June 11, was sponsored by a new finance committee, (sustained June 4,): James Christensen, chairman, Dene Odgen, Franklin Hess, Denton Brough, Edwin Lane, B. Littlejohn, Clyde Redmon and Bruce Morris.

Seven relatives from the state of Maine spent two weeks recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lane and family, El Sobrante. The Misses Elmae and Arnie Lane motored back east with the party for a summer vacation. A brother, Eldwin Lane, who spent two years in the Mission field in South America, is home from BYU for a vacation.

Traveling Around

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berg, son Kenneth and daughter Beverly, left Rodeo in June to make their home in Salt Lake City. Brother Berg taught at the Hillcrest school.

Miss Rosalin Field, Odgen, Utah, was a guest at the home of her friend, Miss Dorothy Wanlass for two weeks. The girls are room mates at BYU.

Local young people from our ward attending BYU and home for a summer vacation are, Dorothy Wanlass, Doris Lott, Jon anl Jay Fitt.

Dayton Smith came from McConnell Air Force base, Kansas, spent a month at home, and left recently for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and on to Germany for three years duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kersey spent their vacation visiting friends and relatives in Idaho, and brought daughter, Virginia Kersey home with them from her month in Idaho.

WIN CAKE CONTEST

At the Stake Swarm day held in Berkeley on May 18, four girls of the second Bee Hive class, won awards in the cake and cookie baking contest.

Jackie Barney, First place, cookies; Sue Hamblin, first place, cakes; Donna Fessenden, second place, cakes, and Kathleen Lenzi, special mention.

Cpl. Bill Crockett Writes From Vietnam Of Birth of a Nation

"In a way it is just as thrilling as being back in the Revolution with George Washington and the (American) colonists" says Corporal Crockett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Ann Crockett of Berkeley Second Ward, writing from Indo-China's Vietnam.

"This is an eager but oppressed little country yearning to be independent and to let their mistakes be their own, and their sweat for their own benefit and for their own ideas", continues Corporal Crockett. "After the fighting, a voice came over the radio saying: 'This is the voice of the Vietnamese National Army', and then proceeded to account for the happenings of this last hectic week, in words no less beautiful than our own Declaration of Independence."

The correspondent gives high praise for President Diem, saying he has the sincere respect and admiration of every American in Saigon . . . courageous, wise, and for once, uncompromising.

Bill Crockett, at headquarters of Military Assistance Advisory Group, Indo-China Saigon (Vietnam), tells of crouching in hotel lobbies to avoid flying missles and of a wounded hotel owner who had crept out to bring in his wife and child.

(Note: Late June newspaper dispatches praise Premier Diem, and mention general American approval, but French apposition.)

Mission President Says Farewell Appreciation

Phyl N. Hilton, for the past five years missionary president in Berkeley Stake, penned a final letter in May.

"My Church life has been the stake mission for five years. It has been beautiful to me—to be part of the mission and partake of its spirit and joys has been its own rewards.

"In the past two years as the number of converts has increased beyond our earlier foundest hopes, I have felt twice blessed in sharing with so many the thrill of their first discovery that the Gospel is true.

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Senior Softball Team, Walnut Creek. Front row, left to right: Vernon Ravsten, Bob Kelly, Ted Jensen, Jim Davis, Gil Smith. Back row: Lyle Jensen, Don Garrett, Dennis Smith, Grant Hepworth and Gene Jensen, manager. Not in picture Flyod Pickett, Burt Leavitt, Ken Jensen and Glen Boyer.

Bishop Fitt Flies To Northern Spain

Bishop T. Cleon Fitt of the Research department of the American Smelting & Refining Company, Selby, Calif., left San Francisco Airport June 11, for northern Spain, stopping over for a few days in Salt Lake and New York and reaching his destination June 18.

Bishop Fitt is co-inventor of a process to be used in the operation of a sulphur-dioxid plant in that country.

Before returning home, he is scheduled to spend some time in Norway.

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Berkeley First Senior Softball Team

Berkeley First Senior Softball Team. Shown above left to right are, front: Griffin, Carter, Jarman, Brown, Namelka; back: Jensen, Potts, Erickson, Mahoney, Hughes, Martin.

Orinda Branch

First Missionaries Leave Orinda Branch

By Lillie B. Bargaehr

Sailing from New York, July 5, on the Queen Mary for England, are Robert and Rosemary Williams, our first missionaries. Friday June 10, Beverley Powell and Colleen Holbrook were hostesses at the Powell home honoring Rosemary. Thursday evening a farewell was held for the couple at Orinda Community Church chapel. Saturday June 18, a Bon Voyage tea was given at the home of Samuel W. and Mary Scott, parents of Rosemary.

Claudia Clark, Rosalie Ericksen, Gordon Mauss and Wayne Sinell, honor students from the Walnut Creek Seminary, journeyed to Sacramento by train with their seminary director, Neil Holbrook, early this month and were introduced to members of the senate and assembly as Latter-day Saint seminary students, and visited the Governor's office and saw $98,000,000 in the Treasurer's Office.

Welcome Newcomers: Stanton F. Benson, wife Marion and daughter Mari, 25 Valley View Road, from San Francisco Ward; Ruth and John T. Smith, 118 Diablo View, from Berkeley Second Ward; Phillip M. Ashworth, wife Marjorie and children William Ray II and Robert, 14 Rheem Blvd; Florence Hughes Walpole, 47 Charles Hill Road; Lee Mathew Rumph, wife Barbara J. and daughter Lee Charon, No. 4 Mariposa Lane; Thomas M. Brant and wife Thelma, 25 Ramona Drive; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trozera, No. 6 Madera Lane.

The infant son of the James William Stockholms was blessed recently.

Tommy Ferguson, son of Orinda Branch president, Thomas Stuart Ferguson, was graduated from Primary June 5, into the Aaronic Priesthood and MIA.

Friday June 3, Sister Irene Ranker of Walnut Creek entertained the ladies of Orinda Branch and Walnut Creek Ward, at a tea at her home.

Pearl Hartzell, with daughter Julie, and Joanne Hansen, have accompanied their respective husbands to the dental convention being held in Hawaii.

Harold C. Fowler was baptised and confirmed into the Church by Emery Ranker of the stake presidency. He is the husband of Sister Pauline Wignall Fowler and Bro. Ranker had the pleasure recently of blessing their infant.

Marilyn Healey, daughter of Mylan Healey of the Branch Presidency and Sister Margaret Healey, has graduated from Acalanes High School and will enter either Brigham Young University of Utah State at Logan.

The Primary Association enjoyed a party at the home of Pres. Altha McManus.

Pleasant Hill

Bishop Urges Effort To Complete Chapel

By Dora Friedrich

Our chapel needs the consistent help of every person who can give of their time. Large labor crews would see our building speedily completed.

Do your share to hasten the time of dedication. Anyone who has extraa time during the summer is particularly urged to spend as much of it as possible at the chapel.

Ed Grehm is on hand all day to direct those who wish to work in the day time.

The bishopric greatly appreciates the past faithful support of the Pleasant Hill Ward members.

—Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop

Attending the General June Conference were Pleasant Hill Ward members Ione Buskirk, Alice Curtis and Margaret Openshaw, and several young members of the YWMIA who accompanied them.

Wally and Geneve Scott, again organized and supervised a recent two-day toy sale which enriched by several hundred dollars our building fund.

Our ward librarian, Bernice Grey and her committee, with Walnut Creek Ward co-workers, made the recent "Library Night" pot-luck dinner not only a success "bookwise", but "funwise" as well.

Relief Society president Bernice McKinnon wishes to extend to all sisters an invitation to attend the summer meetings the second Wednesday of each month, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the chapel.

School is out, so don't forget, kids and moms, the new Primary summer schedule each Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Evelyn and Lee Tueller were sealed for time and eternity at the Mesa, Arizona, Temple. Their children also were sealed to them. A wonderful vacation trip, and a thrilling experience.

This reporter wouldn't be human if she didn't brag just a little bit about son Jim, who was elected to serve as senior class president at Pleasant Hill High School next school term. This is the second "class president" post Jim has held during his high-school years—and while on the subject of the Friedrichs, she might say that Louis is home from his studies at BYU. (It is interesting to note that Jim succeeds another Mormon boy, Ron Hanson of Concord Ward, who made a capable senior class president for the 54-55 term.)

Welcome to new members by baptism: Dorothy Yerka, Michael Davis, Clyde Peterson, Rose Peterson, Wilma Peterson, Robert Zufall, Helen Zufall and Judy Zufall.

East Richmond Senior Softball Team

East Richmond Senior Softball Team;—Shown above, left to right, top, are: Echols, Echols, Echols, Esperson, Hatch, Robinson, Davis. Bottom: Canshell, McIntyre, Conn, Wightman, Moore, Speer.

Sixty LDS Singers "In Inter-Church Festival Of Faith"

About 60 Latter-day Saint Singers from the various wards in San Francisco stake joined a 1500-member choir to represent the LDS church at the "Festival of Faith" on Sunday, June 19, at the Cow Palace, preceeding by one day the opening of the United Nations sessions in San Francisco.

There were stirring moments at this gathering where the religious of Confucian, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Moslem, and Judaism joined in a service of prayer for peace, and for divine guidance of the United Nations.

The Honorable John Foster Dulles delivered a message on "The Moral Foundation of United Nations" and the voices of the tremendous choir were raised in unison to sing "The Heavens are Telling," by Haydn; "Gandhi's Prayer;" "These Things Shall be, A Loftier Race;" and the compelling musical finale, "Praise Ye the Lord."

Probably the highlight from the point of view of the choir members was the three-hour rehearsal on Saturday night under the direction of Robert Shaw, His magnetic skill molded into one harmonious and thrilling chorus the 1500 voices previously rehearsed in small groups under different conductors in the many churches of the area. The result was electrifying, and the occasion a memorable moment of history.

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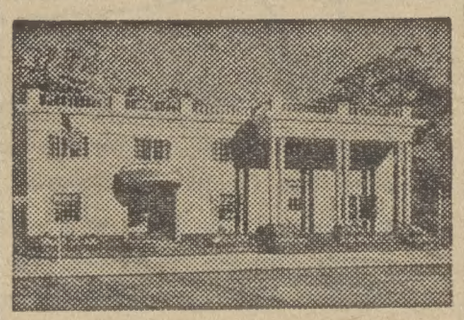

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Rodeo Senior Softball Team

Rodeo Senior Softball Team—Shown left to right top: John Fitt, Henry Criddle, Bob Kersy, Don Mills, Dean Ballard; bottom: Gerald Beraz, Carlton Lane, Don Millgate, Billy Lengi.

Claremont Ward Senior Softball Team

Claremont Ward Senior Softball Team—Shown above, left to right, front row, are: Art Wood, Twain Reed, Dale Cram, Dick Bass; back row: Frank Millward, Homer Hoard, Geoff Millward, Ted Kolb, Gary Millward and Kevan Watts.

Richmond Ward Senior Softball Tear

Richmond Ward Senior Softball Team. Shown left to right are: front row: Whitmore, McCallister, Barker, Nomer, Willis; back row: Gengler, Larson, R. Van Winkle, W. Van Winkle, Elsasser, Buckley, Peterson.

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Joseph, Keith Madsen Leave on Missions From Walnut Creek

A most inspiring farewell was given in the Pleasant Hill-Walnut Creek Ward chapel Friday, June 17th, to honor Joseph Dean Madsen and Keith Alexander Madsen, on the eve of their departure as full-time missionaries for the Church.

Dean will serve in the Northern States Mision, while Keith will see service among the Japanese people.

See Berkeley First and Claremont Ward news on Page 8

Martinez Ward

Joy Carol Bradeen Wins School Awards

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Young people from the Martinez Ward who were members of the Alhambra High School graduating class were Joy Bradeen, Joan Duke, Jack Cousins, Merle Hult, Robert and Sherril Perrins and Burma Poulson.

Congratulations to Joy Carol Bradeen for receiving the Lions Club plaque for the highest scholastic record among the girl graduates. She also received awards from the California Federation of Women, Bank of America, Martinez Druids and an additional $200 scholarship award. Joy will enter BYU in the fall.

Darlene Mosier was graduated from Primary June 12. Neatta Yonts is now in Primary as Trekker leader. Glen Cook, Richard Barney, Chris Evenson, and Howard Ray, of the Guide Patrol enjoyed a trip to the Mt. View Disposal Plant with their leader, Venita Harrieth. Edward Graves took this same group of boys for a long hike to and from Mt. View to Buchanan Field.

Sister Florence Robison presented her piano students in a recital at the Congregational Church in Martinez.

The Bessie, and Boyd Duke family and Edna and Lester Korth are making their first temple excursion to include Salt Lake, Idaho Falls and the Logan temples.

Hattie, Werner and Elinor Vom Dorp recently returned from a vacation which included a visit with Ronald Hughes, our full-time missionary in the Southwest Indian Mission.

Tom and Midge Fletcher enjoyed a visit with Tom's 85-year-old aunt (sister of former patriarch Fletcher) in Texas.

Cynthia Gwen Cooper, daughter of Chester Cooper and Yvonne Bently Cooper, was blessed on June 5.

Genealogy Program Honors The Rankers

By Verna Mayfield

Brother and Sister Emery R. Ranker were honored at the Sunday evening services given by the Walnut Creek Ward Genealogical committee, June 5. It was also their thirty-first wedding anniversary. It was announced that the couple have been presented the stake's Honorary Master M Men and Honorary Golden Gleaner awards, the first in Berkeley stake to win this honor. The program also honored Brother Ranker for his work in the stake presidency, as a physician, and as a horticulturist.

Primary for the summer months has been rescheduled for Thursday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Because of the double sessions of the coming school year, it will be necessary to return to the Saturday morning meeting at 9:45 a.m. next fall.

Recently advanced to the Melchizedek Priesthood were Jim Osborn and Dale Mayfield. Brother Osborn works in the Mutual with the Explorers and Brother Mayfield is a stake missionary.

Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill wards held a successful "Potluck—Book or a Buck" party in their start for a library Friday, June 24, at the Parkmead School. Not only were single books given but complete sets of reference books were donated.

Bishop Larson, who is in Europe, reports that he has visited many people of the Church. Among them were Sister Louise Rhodes and family, members of the Walnut Creek Ward working over there.

Meet Our People: A recent convert to the Church but very well known in the Walnut Creek Area is Brother Ernest Reynolds. He has been a familiar figure visiting with our people in the past and frequently serving as the "Chef" at the dinners. He is an accountant. He lives alone since his wife died years ago.

Joint Summer Program Claremont - Berkeley

July 5—Full length motion picture. Free. Claremont Ward. 8 p.m.

July 12—Swim party (hour to be announced).

July 19—Folk dancing. Berkeley Ward. 8 p.m.

July 26—Monthly classes. Berkeley Ward Chapel, and classrooms.

August 2—Picnic at Live Oak Park (hour to be announced).

August 9—Another movie. Berkeley hall.

Stake Missions Work To Be Shown in Pictures

The August Messenger will bring stake missionary work to our readers attention through pictures and stories. Our four stakes of Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley, are invited to send material in early to The Messenger, 1612 Spruce Street. Berkeley, Phone Ashberry 3-8131.

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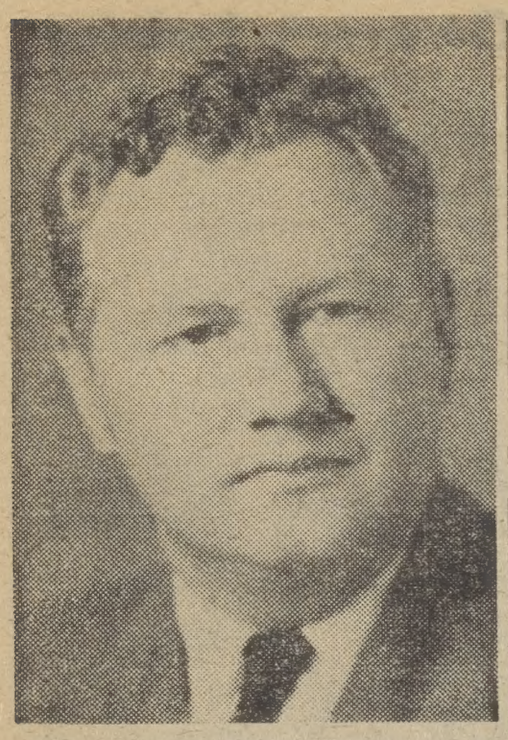

DALE ROE
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Dale Roe Edits The Messenger

The May and June issue of the Messenger of Northern California were produced under the able editorhip of Dale Roe of Oakland Stake. Dale is an experienced newspaper man, trained in his earlier years, on his father's newspaper in Preston, Idaho.

A world of appreciation is hereby expressed to Dale in behalf of our readers and our regular editor. This extends also to Dale's month to month services to the Messenger as associate editor and editor of ward reports.

This large, genial, auburn-haired man also serves on the MIA board of Oakland Stake. Incidently he is also head of the safety program in swimming instruction for the Oakland district of the American Red Cross and has his offices on Fallon Street, Oakland.

Somehow Dale gets much done and yet seems always to be relaxed and to be getting great fun from his activities.

Southern California

New Stake President Heads Chinchilla Farm

The president of the newest stake in the Church, as of June 4, 1955, is Leslie Lloyd Prestwich. The stake is Redondo, a division of Inglewood Stake.

Born in Lehi in 1896, president Prestwich moved to California in 1931 and established the "Fur Farms". Today he is president of the Allied Fur Industries, specializing in chinchillas.

Line of Authority of Sports-Camp Program Defined by Board

Division 12 of the M.I.A. of the Church includes the following stakes in District I: Santa Rosa, Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, Palo Alto and San Jose. District II: Fresno, San Joaquin, Sacramento, N. Sacramento, Gridley and Reno.

Line of Authority
(Not including Priesthood)

The General Board YWMIA has appointed a person to represent them in each Division of the Church. This person is called a Y.W. co-chairman for her division and is responsible to the General Board of Y.W.M.I.A. These co-chairman must at all times be aware of what is being done within their division on an interstake basis.

Whenever Y.W. activities involve more than one stake they come under divisional jurisdiction and become the responsibility of the regional co-chairman. In Division 12 this Y.W. co-chairman is Lorna Birchall, president of San Joaquin Stake Y.W.M.I.A.

One of the many interstake activities coming under the responsibility of Sister Burchell is the sports program. The General Board, through its Sports-Camp Committee has appointed Mrs. Rhea Gustaveson, of Alameda, Oakland Stake, director for sports-camp activities for Div. 12. She is responsible for all Y.W. sports and camping in the 12 stakes of Div. 12 and works through the stake sports-camp directors and they through the ward directors.

Karolina Wallner Zundel Oakland, Richmond Ward Passes Away in May

Karolina Wallner Zundel, a member of Oakland Ward, and formerly of Richmond Ward, where her husband served in the bishopric, passed away Tuesday, May 24th, 1955.

Baptized at 16 in Munich, emigrating as a young girl, she later married Moses A. Zundel, who had been in Germany as a missionary at the time of her conversion.

Baptised on the banks of a large river, where the elders chopped the ice for the service, she was healed immediately of an affliction in her foot. She had to forsake all the members of her family except one sister, when she accepted the gospel.

San Leandro Senior Softball Team;—(1st half Eastern League Champs) left to right, front: Randall, Barker, Manny Tuia, Barry; Shipper Bohannon, S. Tuia, Nelson, Decker; back: Cheney, Mala Tuia, McBride, Duke, Bozich, Davis, Allphin.

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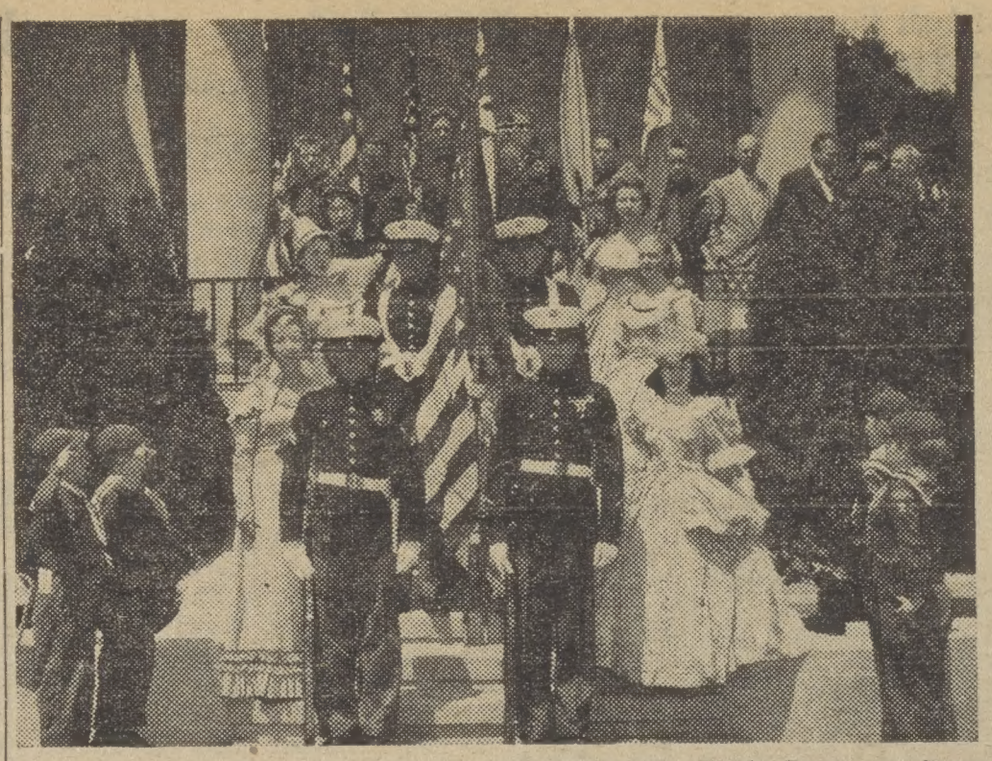

Oakland Flag Day Ceremonies, Lakeside Park June 12. Sponsored by B. P. O. Elks; Music by Municipal Band. LDS Church furnished by request six Explorer boys as flag bearers; six Boy Scouts and six Cub Scouts as color guards.

Photography Free if Necessary For Messenger Pictures

The Messenger wants photographs of major happenings on a stake and ward basis in our four stakes of Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley. BUT . . . .

We can't use snapshots. You are entitled to the best and we will help you get it. **If necessary** the Messenger will share cost of the services of your local commercial photographer for two photos costing upto three dollars each. If you have a near-professional LDS, use him. But don't let anything deprive your ward and stake of some good photographs, and some good pictures in the Messenger month by month. BUT . .

Be sure to have someone write the names of individuals left to right, **before taking the picture** and send to us immediately with the story telling that photo will follow. If you fail to write down the names **before taking the picture,** then you can't remember them left to right and must wait until you see the photo to identify them. That often delays the photo reaching us before our deadline, the 20th of each month regularly. (July issue was exception. **Remember the deadline, always** the 20th of each month preceeding month of issue.)

Concord, Berkeley To Host MIA Workers In 2-Nite Institute

The two-night annual training institute for Berkeley stake and ward MIA officers and teachers Monday, Aug. 22, and Wednesday, Aug. 24 will buzz with the whys, the hows and the wherefores of the expanding Mutual program, according to advance notices from the stake board.

Gathering on Monday evening, Aug. 22, at Concord, and on Wednesday Aug. 24 in Berkeley the two sessions will not only instruct but inspire with messages from the great June MIA conference in Salt Lake City.

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Oakland Stake

LDS Explorer Boys, Scouts, Cub Scouts in Flag Day Salute

Six LDS Explorer boys served as flag bearers while six LDS Boy Scouts and six LDS Cub Scouts served as color guards at the impressive Flag Day ceremonies June 12, 1955, at Lakeside Park, Oakland.

Eagle Scout Parker J. Fuhriman of Post 115 lead the congregation in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. MIA stake Scout leader Verl Bennett, had charge of arrangements for the Latter-day Saints participation in the ceremonies which were sponsored by the BPO Elks of Oakland.

Music was furnished by Oakland's Municipal band.

PRIESTHOOD GROUP GROWS—

The Aaronic Priesthood work for senior members in the Redwood City ward has been growing under the direction of Elder Robert Brew. The group has grown from 6 to 19 in three month's time. Credit goes to the group itself. Present members, filled with enthusiasm, and the spirit of the Gospel, contact members each week and present their programs.

The 28 baptisms reported in May were divided among the districts as follows: Walnut Creek 4, Richmond 2, Pleasant Hill 8, Concord 8, Claremont 1, and Berkeley 5.

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SPIRITUALITY

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